The protection proposal for remaining monuments would be finalized only after assessment of their historical, archaeological, artistic importance and verification of revenue details.

Statement

List of Monuments proposed by State Government for Central Protection

Sl. No.	Name of Monuments
1.	Nursinghanath Temple, Paikamal
2.	Madhavananda Temple, Madhava
3.	Leaning Temple, Huma
4.	Jaleswar Temple, Kalarahanga
5.	Nilamadhava Temple, Kantilo
6.	Biranchi Narayan Temple, Buguda
7.	Monuments at Ranipurjharial

Foundation of Taj Mahal

3533. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been observed that the foundation of Taj Mahal at Agra is infested by termites causing damage to the foundation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken to preserve and protect the Taj Mahal at Agra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. The Taj Mahal is in a good state of preservation. The scientific studies carried at the behest of Archaeological Survey of India, Dehradun and Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee have shown that the foundation of the monument as well as its have super structure are stable and secure. Essential convservation works on the monument are regularly carried out by the ASI.

Auction of articles of great Indian Personalities

3534. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether frequent auctioning of memorabilia of great Indian personalities such as Gandhiji, Nehruji and other countries has come to Government's notice; and

(b) if so, whether Government proposes to set up a standing authority to look into this and acquire all such articles on our own from around the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Regarding the works/letters/manuscripts written by Mahatama Gandhi which are put on acution/sale, a Committee of eminent Gandhians has been constituted to examine and make recommendations, as and when the occasion arises.

Diaster warning system for Tsunami and Cyclones

3535. SHRI NANDAMURI HARIKRISHNA : Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IIT, Delhi, had developed a low-cost disaster warning system for Tsunamis and cyclones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner the above system is different from the existing warning system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN) : (a) and (b) IIT, Delhi has attempted to develop a low-cost ocean information dissemination prototype so as to communicate information on potential fishing zones and ocean state forecasts generated by the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES). The prototype can also disseminate warnings related to coastal hazards such as tsunamis and cyclones by receiving due information from operational warning centres such as India Meterological Department (IMD) and INCOIS. This project is funded by INCOIS/MoES.

(c) The current prototype is different from the existing system is terms of its easy deployment/maintenance; low power consumption with multi-power sources (utility power and solar power); redundant connectivity to multiple networks; automatic updation of information from the server; built with off- the shelf hardware and open source software tools etc. It is now planned to test the developed prototype alongwide the existing system of warning dissemination at INCOIS for its detailed performance evaluation.

Purification of Sea Water

†3536. DR. PRABHA THAKUR : Will the Minister of EARTH SCIENCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether sea water can purified to be turned into potable water;

(b) if so, the details of coast involved in process of purifying one litre of sea water to turn into potable water;

(c) whether there is any place in India where sea water is being turned into potable drinking water, if so, the name of the place; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.